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I am opposed to the Microsoft settlement as it currently stands.

Microsoft has been convicted of using monopoly power in unlawful fashion. The currently-proposed settlement has fewer teeth than the consent decrees that Microsoft has already ignored.

Besides there being no significant penalties applied, the decree allows Microsoft to use its desktop monopoly to leverage access to and control of further markets. There is no recourse to this, because all Microsoft has to do to remain compliant with the settlement is to state that whatever feature they use to provide such access and control is defined to be part of the Windows operating system.

Sincerely,

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